

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name George W. Yount Barn

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number NE4, NW4, NW4, SW4, S10-T32S-R4E

☐ not for publication

city or town Winfield

☒ vicinity

state Kansas

code KS

county Cowley

code 035

zip code 67156

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Richard D. Landrum

D-SHPO 3/28/97

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Kansas State Historical Society

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.

☐ removed from the National
Register.

☐ other, (explain:) _____

George W. Yount Barn

Name of Property

Cowley County, K. as
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture/Subsistence:

Animal Facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Work in Progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Limestone

Rectangular

Late Victorian: Italianate

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Limestone

walls Stone: Limestone

roof Metal; Wood: Shingle

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

George W. Yount Barn

Name of Property

Cowley County, Kansas

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1881

Significant Dates

1881-1905

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Yount, George W.

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Kansas State Historical Society

George W. Yount Barn
Name of Property

Cowley County, Kansas
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting			Northing											
2															

3															
Zone	Easting			Northing											
4															

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Martin & Cheryl Rude

organization _____ date December, 1996

street & number Route 1, Box 195 telephone _____

city or town Winfield state KS zip code 67156

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Martin & Cheryl Rude

street & number Route 1, Box 195 telephone _____

city or town Winfield state KS zip code 67156

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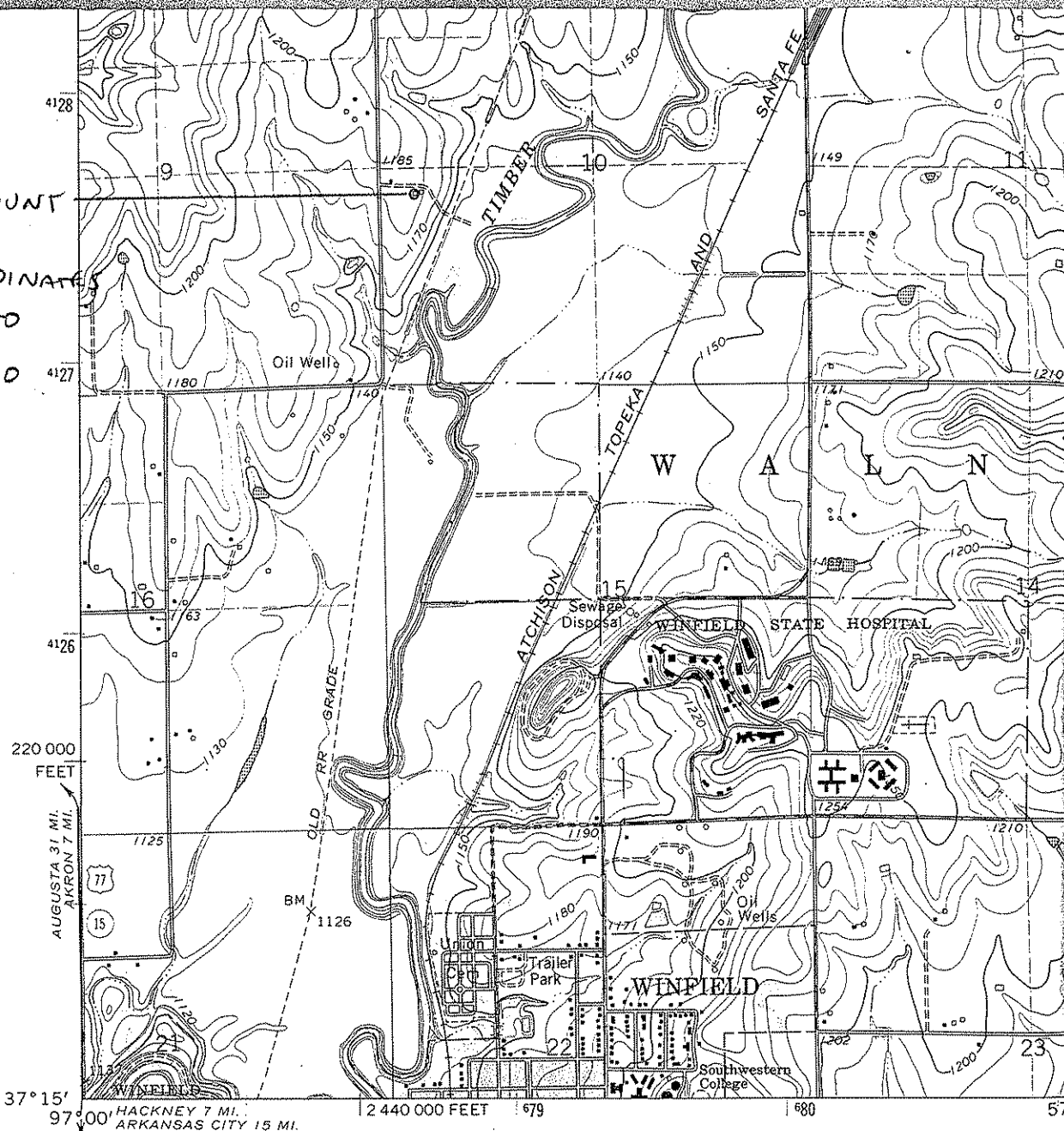
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GEORGE W. YOUNT
BARN

UTM COORDINATES

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(HACKNEY)
6558 II NE

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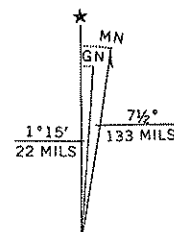
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1965

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Kansas coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks
zone 14, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled from
aerial photographs taken 1976 and other source data
This information not field checked. Map edited 1979



UTM GRID AND 1979 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

There may be private inholdings within the boundary
of the National or State reservations shown on this map

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Yount Stone Barn/1881/Architectural

The Yount stone barn is located on the SW corner of the SW Quarter of Section 10, Township 32 South, Cowley County, Kansas about two and one-half miles north of Winfield, one mile east of Highway 77. The barn is not visible from the highway. The limestone barn measures forty feet from east to west and fifty feet from north to south. The stone walls are two feet thick. The interior beamery is native walnut. The roof's layers are wood shingles topped with metal sheeting.

The barn's main elevations run north and south and are almost identical. They are defined by a large arched center doorway of fine cut stone. The vertical plank doors have been replaced by sliding tin doors. A single arched window is centered above each doorway providing light to the upper hay lofts. On the west side of each doorway is a two foot square window into the milking floor. The north end also has a five foot arched grainery door above the two foot square window.

The barn's western elevation is defined by a center arched door providing access to the mid hay mount. This doorway retains a partial wooden vertical plank door. Four small ventilation windows are spaced across the bottom half.

The barn's eastern elevation is dominated by a large lean-to structure which spans the entire length of the barn and covers two six and one-half foot arched doorways giving access to a lower milking floor. The milking floor is four feet lower than the main threshing floor. Just below the roof line are two windows which are arched on the outside and squared on the inside.

The barn is enhanced by intricate carvings of masonry symbols, and horse and cattle heads. Both the north and south ends bear a plaque "1881 G.W. Yount." The interior bottom floors were originally of 2 x 12 walnut planks of which only a few end pieces remain. Originally, there was a third level high loft. Supporting beams collapsed and then the third level loft was removed. This loft was never replaced. By the almost complete deterioration of this collapsed beam (found buried in the cow shed,) we surmise the third loft was removed a long time ago. All other interior features remain. The east loft, ladder, and grainery remain in good condition. The west loft has pulled away from the wall and is structurally unstable.

The barn was joined by a three bedroom stone house and a 10' x 10' spring house, 100 yards to the ESE. Of the three buildings, the barn is the only remaining structure. Today, the barn is joined by a two bedroom single story farmhouse that is located in the same area as the original home. There is also an additional grainery barn directly to the east of the stone barn.

The barn faces three serious problems: mineral leeching from the stone which is causing the foundational stones to crumble, the west wall is bowing out and needs to be arrested with some bracing, and the southwest brace is settling and has already pulled the west hay loft away from the wall and is threatening the roof. Attention to these concerns will put the barn in excellent condition.

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Yount Stone Barn/1881/Historical

The Yount Stone Barn (1881) is being nominated to the National Register under criterion C for its architectural significance as a limestone barn. Within a 30 mile radius of Winfield, we have not found another stone barn built of cut stone. Within that same area, there are four stone barns that are standing, all constructed with rough stone. The Yount barn remains as an unique and beautiful example of the use of native cut limestone. George Yount brought his young family to Kansas in the true sense of the pioneer spirit: a covered wagon, chest with family valuables, hand-stitched quilts, and the family Bible (oral history.) In the building of the barn, Mr. Yount gave his family the necessary protection for their livelihood and left a legacy of fine quality craftsmanship not often found.

" George W. Yount was born in Kentucky in 1828. He was the son of Jacob Yount, Swiss-German, and Elizabeth Blackburn, English. The family migrated to Martinsville, Indiana by covered wagon. George met and married Mary A. Hine in Martinsville. Looking for land to purchase, George came to Kansas, found what he wanted and returned to bring his family. With two covered wagons they traveled for 30 days and arrived in Cowley County Oct. 19, 1872. The first night they camped where the Grace Episcopal Church now stands. George, Mary and their eight children, Catherine, Jonathan, Alice, Sarah, Lewis, Elva, Scott, and James soon established a home and began farming. The 160 acres were planted to wheat, corn and an orchard." (Cowley County Heritage, 1990, Taylor Publishing, pg. 332) According to family history the 160 acres were purchased for \$1,500.00. 1880 census information shows that Lewis and Scott were helping with the farming and the rest of the children were attending school. Two more children were born to the Younts while residing in Kansas, Ira Minter and Charles. All of the Yount children grew to adulthood and married.

According to the 1882 Cowley County Atlas, G.W. Yount owned the NE and SW quarters of section 10 with a quarry and a stone barn on the SW quarter. "<Mr. Yount> also has an extensive quarry of magnesium limestone, of which the Topeka Post Office is built. His barn is an excellent edifice, it being built of the same stone." (Andreas' History of Kansas, Index L-Z, pg. 1597) The barn's north and south face plaques indicate building completion as 1881. "The quarry was worked and many fine buildings were built in Winfield, Topeka, and other places in Kansas. The Frisco Railroad ran a spur to the quarry so the stone could be shipped by rail." (Cowley County Heritage) The Yount place not only provided work for the large family but was a source of employment for others in a quarry crew (family photo.) Records about the cash value and amount of stone quarried and shipped out were not found. Certainly the natural resource of limestone on Mr. Yount's property was a great asset to his farm operation. It is truly a unique setting to see the magnificent stone barn and then be able to walk to the east over a few acres and see the expansive stone face in the side of the hill where the stone barn's individual pieces were cut. Mr. Yount was a member of the Masonic

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fraternal order which used building symbols. The master mason symbol, cow heads, and horse heads, are carved in the barn's archways. By 1882, the original 160 acres had been added to bringing the farm's total acreage to 400 (Cowley County Atlas, 1882.)

The pre-1900 Yount farm was operating during the infancy of the town of Winfield which was located two and one-half miles south. The crops and animals on the Yount farm were typical of those in Cowley County at the time. (Cowley County Historical Society "Pre-1900 Winfield, Kansas in Cowley County") According to 1885 census information, the cash value of the farm was \$15,000.00. The machinery was valued at \$600.00. The wages paid during the year were \$2,000.00. 200 acres of the 400 acre farm were fenced: 310 rods of stone fence, 800 hedge. The crops (200 acres) were predominantly wheat and corn and included small acreages of oats, millet, and irish potatoes. An extensive orchard of over 600 fruit trees was growing on the land: apple, pear, peach, plum, and cherry. A modest cattle, swine, and poultry population was a part of the farm's operation. The stone barn was essential to the farm's well-being in the care and feeding of the 43 head of cattle and milch cows, 32 swine, and 8 horses. The barn's storage lofts for cut hay were imperative. In 1884, Yount reports 40 tons of cut hay. On the east side of the barn there is a lowered milking floor. This was apparently an active place as the 1885 Census, which reports figures during the peak of the barn's usage, shows 1,000 lbs. of butter were produced. Cash products of the farm at this time were recorded as: poultry/egg- \$50.00, animals fattened, slaughtered, or sold- \$800.00, wood- \$20.00, and horticulture products- \$10.00.

According to the 1887 Official Atlas of Kansas, the farm was valued at \$28,000.00 and 200 acres continued to be cultivated. In the twenty years Mr. Yount developed the Kansas land, he cultivated quite an agricultural impact as well as an architectural one in the building of such an excellent barn. Testimony of which is the prime shape the barn remains in over one hundred years later. The Dec. 12, 1891 issue of the Winfield Daily Courier records George W. Yount's death from grippe and fever the previous day.

The 1895 census information lists Mary Yount and four children living on the farm of now 160 acres, 130 of which are under cultivation, with a cash value of \$4,000.00. Corn was the dominant crop with wheat, oats, millet, and irish potatoes also planted. The orchard was still large with approximately 500 trees. The stone barn's use was changing with the cattle and milch cows numbering only 6 head while the swine and horses remained at the 1885 numbers. The amount of hay being cut and stored had dropped significantly.

The 1900 Census shows Mary Yount and her two youngest sons living on the farm. The 1905 Cowley County Atlas shows Yount ownership of the SW corner of section 10 and the NE corner of section 10 owned by Emily Graham. Apparently the NE corner was primarily the cattle and hay section of the Yount farm and was sold after George Yount's death.

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The path of ownership becomes difficult to follow between 1905 and 1920. After Mary Yount's death it appears the farm was divided amongst the ten children with one of the married daughters buying most of them out (Register of deeds and oral history from Betty Graham.) In 1918 Arthur Graham purchased the Yount farm plus another 65 acres as shown in the 1925 Census. One hundred acres were being cultivated, the dominant crops again being wheat and corn with irish potatoes and sorghum planted. Seven milk cows and 24 head of cattle, 85 hens, 4 horses , and 4 mules brought animals back to a central place on the farm. The stone barn once again became an integral part of the working farm. In the 1940's a lean-to was added to the east side of the barn.

The Grahams continued to farm the land and use the barn until the 1970's when they moved into Winfield. Since that time the farmhouse has been rented and neighbors used the stone barn for hay storage and the surrounding land for horses and cattle. In December 1995, Betty Graham sold 35 acres of the original 160, which includes the stone barn, to Martin and Cheryl Rude.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on the NE4, NW4, NW4, SW4, S10- T32S, R4E in Walnut Township, Cowley County, Kansas on a tract of land measuring 76' x 70' whose northeast corner is 14.1' directly northeast of the northeast corner of the barn's foundation. Beginning at the northeast corner of the parcel the boundary proceeds 70' to the south, 76' to the west, 70' to the north, and 76' to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property stands on a 34-acre tract that was originally part of a 160-acre section that was primarily agricultural until 1975. After that the land was used by various tenants as pasture for horses. The stone barn was once part of a farm with other buildings. The 76' x 70' parcel that contains the barn stands within the 34-acre tract. The barn's overall dimensions are 56' x 50', the stone barn is measures 40' east/west x 50' north/south, with a 16' x 50' wooden shed addition running along east elevation.